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TAGS: CVIS, EEWT, BU (BULGARIAN TRAINEES TO PETTY-RAY GEOPHYSICAL CO)

SUBJECT: BULGARIAN BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH PETTY RAY CO.

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REFS: A) STATE 157527; B) SOFIA 1314; C) SOFIA 1108

1. EMBASSY IS CONTACTING BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BULGARIANS AND PETTY-RAY AND PRECISE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING REF (B) VISA APPLICATION AND WHETHER CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP IS INVOLVED.

2. BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY, TWO POSSIBILITIES EXIST:

A) REF (C) IS VISA APPLICATION FOR AN OFFICIAL OF THE BULGARIAN MINISTRY OF MINERAL RESOURCES WHO VISITED PETTY-RAY IN EARLY JUNE FOR BUSINESS NEGOTIATIONS. PERHAPS REF (B) APPLICATION AROSE OUT OF AGREEMENT REACHED DURING THAT VISIT.

B) ABOUT SIX WEEKS AGO, IBM EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE VISITED EMBASSY AND REQUESTED VISA ASSISTANCE AT APPROPRIATE TIME FOR GROUP OF BULGARIANS WHO WOULD BE VISITING U.S. AT UNDETERMINED TIME FOR IBM-SPONSORED TRAINING WHICH HAD BEEN SUBCONTRACTED TO PETTY-RAY.

3. SINCE VISA REFUSALS WHICH MAY BE BASED ON FAULT OR MISUNDER-  
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STANDINGS OF AMERICAN FIRMS CAN BE DAMAGING TO US-BULGARIAN

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, WOULD APPRECIATE IF DEPARTMENT AND OTHER  
DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES INVOLVED WOULD ASCERTAIN FACTS OF CASE  
AND RE-EXAMINE VISA APPLICATION.  
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